

4. (amended) The system (10) according to claim 1, wherein the anesthetic agent degradation product is trifluoromethane, CHF<sub>3</sub>, preferably as an indicator for the presence of CO in the gas mixture.

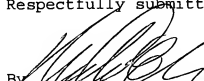
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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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APPENDIX

3. (amended) The system (10) of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the anesthetic agent degradation product is carbon monoxide CO.

4. (amended) The system (10) according to ~~any one of the above~~ claim 1, wherein the anesthetic agent degradation product is trifluoromethane,  $\text{CHF}_3$ , preferably as an indicator for the presence of CO in the gas mixture.